

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Planning and Building	(2) MEETING DATE 2/23/16	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Matt Leal, Planner / (805) 781-5113	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution authorizing (1) the submittal of an Administrative Entity Solicitation of Interest to the 2016 State Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and (2) the Director of the Planning and Building Department to sign the standard agreement and all other documents required for participation. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: 1. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing 1) the Director of the Planning and Building Department to submit a Grant Administrative Entity Solicitation of Interest Response Form to the State of California Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and, 2) the Director of Planning and Building to sign the Standard Agreement and execute all other documents required for participation.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State of California Emergency Solutions Grant Program	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Lisa M. Howe			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning and Building / Matt Leal, Planner

VIA: Matt Janssen, Division Manager, Policy and Programs

DATE: 2/23/16

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing 1) the Director of the Planning and Building Department to submit a Grant Administrative Entity Solicitation of Interest Response Form to the State of California Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and, 2) the Director of Planning and Building to sign the Standard Agreement and execute all other documents required for participation.

DISCUSSION

The federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding for emergency shelters to include activities such as increasing capacity, improving quality, operations, and providing essential services to shelter residents; the ESG program also provides funding for Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention programs. The County received \$145,000 from federal ESG program funding in FY 15/16. A new opportunity for ESG funding from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) was recently made available for interested Administrative Entities. The County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building (County) is currently the lead agency for federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program projects in San Luis Obispo County. The County meets all the requirements and is entitled to approximately \$224,092 from 2015 and 2016 funding sources. There is a great need in the county for the use of these funds as most public services have been under funded under ESG and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) and the County continue to pursue additional funding to support the vital public services in the county.

2016 State ESG Formula Grant Fund Solicitation of Interest

On January 29, 2016, HCD released the State of California ESG Program Solicitation of Interest for Administrative Entity. San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care jurisdiction area is eligible to receive allocations of \$112,046 of 2015 funds and an estimated \$112,046 of 2016 funds. To receive the funds, County must submit a Response Form to the Solicitation of Interest to act as the Administrative Entity for the state ESG funds in addition to meeting regulatory requirements for a Standard Agreement, as stipulated in the Solicitation of Interest. The deadline to submit an application to HCD is February 29, 2016. If County is approved to be an Administrative Entity, the County will contract with projects for implementation of the ESG state program.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

On January 20, 2016, the Homeless Services Oversight Council met to discuss an action item regarding Action Plan grant program funding. The Council recommended to increase County General Fund from \$180,000 to at least \$240,000 to support additional projects in San Luis Obispo County. In light of the state funding opportunity, supplemental ESG funds could support requests for additional funds. On Wednesday, February 17, the HSOC Executive Committee will be reviewing the Administrative Entity Solicitation of Interest Response Form for their potential endorsement. It is expected that the HSOC Committee will endorse the County. Upon approval of the subject resolution and receipt of endorsement by HSOC, the County will submit the Administrative Entity Solicitation of Interest Response Form to the state for their approval. Additionally, the HSOC will continue to play its role in recommending how ESG funds should be allocated.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

If successful, the application may result in \$224,092 in additional grant funds being secured. The County would be eligible to use a maximum of 10 percent of their Service Area's ESG allocation for HMIS activities, and a portion for general administration activities, which the department anticipates would offset costs for administrating the ESG program. The eligible percentage for general administration will be finalized in the Annual Action Plan, and is anticipated to be approximately 2.7 percent of the total allocation for the Continuum of Care Service Area.

RESULTS

Funds from the state ESG formula grant will enable homeless persons to receive needed client services and/or rental assistance. This includes assisting clients to find stable permanent housing, aid with accessing emergency food, shelter, and medical assistance, and transportation resources.

By enabling homeless persons to obtain the services they need to survive and stay healthy, this request would contribute toward the communitywide indicator of *A Healthy Community*. Approval of this resolution is consistent with the County's goal of promoting a healthy, livable and prosperous community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Resolution